

## STRIKERS CAN'T RULE FRANCE

CHAMBER VOTES CONDEMNATION BY 438 TO 69.

Revolt of Public Functionaries Not to Be Tolerated—Ministry Indorsed After Full Debate—Wire Cutting a Crime—Post and Telegraphs in Chaos.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.  
PARIS, March 19.—There were police enough around the Chamber of Deputies today to give the idea that the city was on the eve of a revolution. Four interpellations on the postal strike were submitted and were joined in one debate.

M. Simyan, Under Secretary of Posts and Telegraphs, defended his course of action. He denied that any favoritism had been shown among employees. He raised a storm of shouts and excitement by recalling the debates on the Panama scandals and saying that nine of the Deputies were behind Subra, the leader of the general postal association. Their names were demanded.

M. Simyan declared that what the employees wanted was automatic advancement without taking merit into account. M. Barthou, Minister of Public Works, said the employees had no real grounds for complaint. It was not to be admitted that an important public service should be suspended for wrongs so difficult to prove. An attack was being made on the Chamber and the country more than on the Government.

There were times when the Government needed all its freedom to communicate with its representatives abroad. Any attempt against the national sovereignty became an attempt against the national defense. To resume intercourse with the strikers in present conditions would be abdication by the Government. M. Barthou added that during the sitting he had received advice that many telegraph wires had been cut. Such an act was not the act of a strike, but under the existing state of foreign affairs was a veritable national crime.

This statement caused intense excitement in the Chamber, which voted, 307 to 138, that the speech should be placarded throughout France. The House then took a recess until evening.

After the sitting was resumed M. Willms, Socialist, repudiated the charge that the strikers were guilty of cutting wires. He called on M. Barthou to substantiate it.

The latter repeated the charge and read reports showing that forty-seven wires had been cut near Nancy and toward the Belgian frontier. The manner of the cutting showed that it was done by skilled workmen. The only international wires working were those to Berlin, Mülhausen, Bale and Vienna. Only eight lines were working in France. All the others had been tampered with except those to Lyons, Thionville, Metz, and Strasbourg.

Those to the north, had also been tampered with. These acts were committed in the last two days.

M. Barthou's explicit statement surprised the Socialists, who believed that the Premier's statement had been a bluff, and it greatly influenced the votes.

The order of the day was passed in sections. First, that the Chamber decided not to tolerate a strike of functionaries. The vote on this stood 438 to 69. Confidence in the Government to restore order and peace in the Postal Department was voted 346 to 147.

M. Barthou states that no dismissals under the new regulation adopted by the cabinet yesterday, giving him power to summarily discharge postal employees, had yet been signed, as he hoped the strikers would return to their senses.

The strike committee issued a manifesto today stating that the men of the Posts and Telegraph Department will not resume work till they have received satisfactory assurances from some other Minister than Simyan, the Under Secretary of the department, whom they blame for their troubles.

Chaos, intermittently relieved by short spells of inefficient service, describes the condition of France's postal system today. Nobody trusts important or urgent despatches to the mail or telegraph. Everything of such a character and much news for abroad is sent by train outside the country for transmission. Such postal and telegraphic work as is being done is carried on by soldiers with the aid and under the direction of the higher officials.

As an instance of the accumulation of arrears twenty mail vans loaded with correspondence are waiting at one Paris station alone for despatch to the Southern provinces.

The linen and other mechanics struck today to the number of 5,000. The public is feeling the pinch through inability to buy certain daily supplies imported from country tradesmen, it being impossible to transmit orders or remittances of money.

The strike seems to be rapidly becoming as complete in the provinces as it is in the capital. Many of the strikers continue the force of appearing at their posts but refusing to work. There has been no breach of order thus far.

## ENGLAND WORRIES GERMANY.

Reichstag Wants to Know About Naval Dispute—Ministers Hang Back.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.  
BERLIN, March 19.—Neither Chancellor von Bülow nor Foreign Secretary von Schöner responded today to the invitation of the Budget Committee of the Reichstag to appear before it and explain the discrepancy between the German and British statements regarding the limitation of armaments.

They excused their non-attendance on the ground that they must read the complete reports of the debates in the British House of Commons before making any statements. It is expected that they will address the committee next week.

German translations of verbatim reports of the House of Commons debates are being prepared for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and for the Budget Committee.

## POPE SEES BOSTON PRELATE.

Talks for 40 Minutes With Archbishop O'Connell About His Diocese.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.  
ROME, March 19.—The Pope gave audience today to Archbishop O'Connell of Boston. It was the first day of the Pope, but the audience to the Archbishop was the only one granted.

Pius seemed in good spirits and health. He showed a thorough knowledge of the affairs of the diocese and expressed satisfaction at the work that was being done. The audience lasted forty minutes.

## FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE IN JAMAICA.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.

KINGSTON, March 19.—The foot and mouth disease has broken out among the Jamaican cattle. The Government is taking drastic measures to stamp it out.

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## ENGLAND'S NAVAL FLURRY.

Balfour to Attack the Ministry—Admiral Rages at Foreigners.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.  
LONDON, March 19.—In the House of Commons today Arthur Balfour, leader of the Opposition, gave notice of his intention to move for a vote of censure on the Government in connection with the naval estimates.

As an illustration of the state of mind of a certain portion of the public owing to the agitation of the last few days over the threatened overthrow of Great Britain's naval supremacy a few passages from a speech delivered today by Admiral Sir W. R. Kennedy may be quoted.

"Do not let us," he said, "have any wrangling over any more dreadnoughts. Tell the gentlemen over the water that we will build two for their every one and go on building if we have to spend £50,000,000 a year. There is not one of us who would not put his hand into his pocket and whatever we might have to pay it would not be a flea bite compared with what we should have to pay if any of those scoundrels ever set foot on these shores."

The Admiral's speech was punctuated throughout with the cheers of his hearers. In a speech preceding a debate about the navy Walter Runciman, president of the Board of Education, said he regretted that the first dreadnought had ever been built. It was unnecessary. It was a challenge to the world and the swagging talk about it had opened the eyes of and excited all of Great Britain's foes in Europe.

## COLOMBIANS OPPOSE TREATY.

Residents on the Isthmus Deny Power of Assembly to Deal With the Issue.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.  
PANAMA, March 19.—The Colombian Minister for Foreign Relations has cabled officially to the Colombian confidential agent here ordering him to obtain as soon as possible the signatures of all Colombian residents of the Isthmus to a petition to the national Assembly praying it to approve the treaties between Colombia, the United States and Panama.

A majority of the Colombians here absolutely decline to sign the petition, alleging that the Assembly has no legal faculty to approve or even consider treaties with foreign nations or to submit to arbitration Colombia's sovereignty over determined territories.

## THE SHAH Wavers.

No Constitution, His Latest Resolve—Cannon to Start Trading.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.  
ST. PETERSBURG, March 19.—A despatch to the *Norve Vremja* from Teheran states that the Shah, in receiving a delegation from the Cabinet, said that it was not possible to promulgate a constitution. As to the closing of the Teheran bazaars as a protest against an unconstitutional regime, he declared that he would reopen them at a convenient moment.

A despatch to the *Norve Vremja* dated last Tuesday that the Shah had consented to call immediately a convention to frame a constitution, the convention to be made up of prominent citizens of Teheran and to meet March 30.

## FRANCIS JOSEPH PEACEMAKER.

Austrian Emperor's Influence Confirms Improved Balkan Outlook.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.  
LONDON, March 19.—The improved outlook concerning the Balkan difficulty is maintained. The strong stand of the Emperor Francis Joseph in favor of peace has done more than anything else to bring about a peaceful solution.

The Emperor's insistence upon the avoidance of a conflict is so pronounced as to have given rise to a rumor in Vienna that he would abdicate rather than sanction war.

## MERCY FOR MUTINEERS.

Rumors May Receive Death Sentence, but Gomez Will Commute It.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.  
HAVANA, March 19.—The insurgent rumblings that night are being brought to Havana, where they will be tried by court-martial. The code provides death as the penalty for their offense, but it is said that if they are convicted President Gomez will commute their sentences.

The other rebels will be tried by the civil court at Santa Clara.

## THE WEATHER.

The main body of the Southwestern storm was central over the Gulf yesterday, leaving a secondary depression over western Texas.

Another low area was making its appearance in the extreme Northwest, so that the pressure was low over all sections except the Dakotas and the south Atlantic and east Gulf States.

Light snow was falling in northern parts of the Lake regions and rain in southern parts at scattered places in the Middle Mississippi Valley, in New York and Pennsylvania, and thunderstorms in the Ohio Valley. Rain also fell in Oregon. Higher temperatures were general in Texas, the Mississippi Valley and in all States eastward except in New England.

South from the Dakotas into Kansas and Colorado it was colder.

In this city the day was cloudy and threatening rain at the evening. Wind, light to fresh west, shifting to southeast; average humidity, 51 per cent; barometer, corrected to read to sea level, at 8 A. M., 30.07; at 3 P. M., 29.88. The temperature yesterday, as recorded by the official thermometer, is shown in the annexed table:

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